CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY OFFICE OF ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH HAZARD ASSESSMENT

NOTICE TO INTERESTED PARTIES August 18, 2006

ANNOUNCEMENT OF DRAFT REPORT, PUBLIC WORKSHOP, AND PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

HEALTH ADVISORY: SAFE EATING GUIDELINES FOR FISH FROM LAKE SONOMA (SONOMA COUNTY) AND LAKE MENDOCINO (MENDOCINO COUNTY)

The California Environmental Protection Agency's Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment (OEHHA) announces the availability of the draft report entitled "Health Advisory: Safe Eating Guidelines for Fish from Lake Sonoma (Sonoma County) and Lake Mendocino (Mendocino County)." The report contains an evaluation of findings of elevated mercury levels in fish from these reservoirs and provides safe eating guidelines for these water bodies. OEHHA is soliciting comments from interested parties on the draft report and advisory during a 45-day public comment period. OEHHA will also hold a public workshop to make a presentation, answer questions, and take comments on September 19, 2006, at 5:00 PM, at the North Coast Regional Water Board Office, 5550 Skylane Blvd., Suite A, Santa Rosa. Comments may be submitted at any time until the close of the comment period.

Comments on the draft report may be submitted by phone, fax, or e-mail to Dr. Margy Gassel. All comments must be received by 5:00 p.m. on October 2, 2006. OEHHA will consider comments received by this time and revise the draft report and advisory as appropriate to issue a final report and advisory.

OEHHA is making the draft document available at the OEHHA Web site at *http://www.oehha.ca.gov*. A copy of the report is also available by calling (510) 622-3170.

If you would like to submit comments, receive further information on this announcement, or have questions, please contact Dr. Margy Gassel using the information provided below.

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